

# SHERFIELD PARK PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes Annual Parish Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Councillors:	<u>IN ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>APOLOGIES</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Cllr. Circuit (Chair)	✓		
Cllr. Gordon	✓		
Cllr. Palmer	✓		
Cllr. Parfrey	✓		
Cllr Scott	✓		
Cllr Skarin	✓		

Meeting was Chaired by Cllr Circuit and minuted by Clerk and RFO Jane Stewart. In attendance PC Frostick. In attendance 20 members of the public.

Agenda No	Agenda Item	Action
2401	<b>Welcome and introductions</b> Cllr Circuit welcomed parishioners and introduced the team of Councillors.	
2402	<b>To sign as correct the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b> Minutes approved and signed	
2403	<b>Chairman's Report – Cllr Chris Circuit</b> It has been a busy year for the Parish council. One of the issues is parking which continues to concern parishioners both for inconsiderate parking and dangerous parking. The Council has not stopped working towards a resolution. Sherfield 20 was celebrated earlier on today. Formally marking the 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first residents moving onto the park. Celebrations will continue with a Pub Night in the Community centre on Friday. Parish in Bloom was entered for the first time and the Parish was awarded a Silver Gilt award. We were able to demonstrate the pride everyone has in Sherfield Park and how environmentally friendly we are. We have again entered this year. Work is ongoing to transfer the outstanding pieces of land from Croudace to BDBC. The Chair explained that land had to be in a suitable state and payment for ongoing maintenance agreed before handover. The decorative stones have been	

	<p>removed as they did not have planning permission as was the path opposite Amport Way. The Larches has been transferred. The land has to be in the right condition before transfer can take place. The Larches had Ash die back and the pine trees were beyond their natural life making them unsafe. It was a shock to the community when so many trees were removed. However, there have been two community planting days and the area is being restored to ancient woodland. Petty's Copse will also be handed over but due to its size tree management will be done in parcels. There are likely to be trees removed in this area. Councillors work hard to keep Sherfield Park a great place to live, working alongside fellow Borough Councillors.</p>	
2404	<p><b>Finance Report – Cllr Audrey Gordon</b> See Appendix 1</p>	
2405	<p><b>PC Frostick – Community Policing</b> PC Frostick explained the area he covers and the support he gets from PCSO's. His role is to be the face of Police in the area and meet local residents and local businesses. Q – Are you aware of people using the roundabout on the A33 for doughnutting? A – I'm not aware but thank you for bringing this to my attention. PC Frostick stated if the car registration was known the owner of the vehicle could be pulled over and that reporting it via email to himself or via 101 helps. Q – Parking on the park is dangerous, particularly Rockbourne Road. A – PC Frostick has been putting the 'Do you think this is fine?' leaflets on cars. Q – How many times do you leaflet before taking it further A – Twice before issuing a fine. PC Frostick agreed to having his email and contact details published on the PC website and Noticeboards.</p>	
2406	<p><b>Planning Report – Cllr Chris Circuit</b> The Council is notified of planning applications on the park and is notified of any developments adjacent to the park. As a Council we are asked to comment on extensions etc. The Parish Council is keen to maintain the look of the development and its open spaces. As a Council we take a balanced view and respond to BDBC. We invite residents to present their planning at Council meetings and remind applicants of the restricted covenants that exist on the park.</p>	
2407	<p><b>Open Spaces Report – Cllr Paul Parfrey</b> See Appendix 2</p>	
	<p><b>Public Participation</b> A resident thanked the Parish Council for the grant that would enable a dementia group to bring a petting farm to Sherfield Park.</p>	

	<p>Q – Re-adoption of land – will all the land have been adopted?</p> <p>A – Yes, bar possibly one parcel behind Gaiger Road which houses concrete drainage.</p> <p>Q – As a resident we do a lot to maintain the public areas but there are many that don't. Are we able to encourage them to do so by providing a skip for them to get rid of the weeds etc.?</p> <p>A – Last year we did an annual litter pick and this year we have events to engage residents to look after where they live. We have an annual exercise to encourage looking after the area.</p>	
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## Parish Council Finance Report 2023/24

### *Introduction:*

Below is the finance report for the fiscal year 2023/24 for Sherfield Park Parish Council. This report offers a comprehensive overview of our financial activities and expenditures throughout the year, highlighting key initiatives and investments made to benefit our community.

### *Precept:*

For the fiscal year 2023/24, there was no increase to the precept. This decision reflected our commitment to fiscal prudence while ensuring that essential services and community projects continue to be adequately funded. You will have noticed that unfortunately in the fiscal year 24/25 there has been a small increase of 5% in your Parish Council Precept, however this is the first increase since the council was created in 2016. With the transfer of most areas from Croudace to BDBC, we look are looking forward to commencing some of the Open space initiatives that have been identified.

### *Largest Expenditure:*

The largest portion of our expenditure was allocated to staff salaries, including our dedicated litter warden. We are grateful for the grant received from Basingstoke and Deane to support the employment of the litter warden, whose efforts contribute significantly to maintaining the cleanliness and appearance of our parish.

The Parish Council also incurred significant expenses on planning consultants to object to proposed developments in our local area. While such expenditures may appear substantial, they are justified by important factors including:

1. **Community Representation:** As elected representatives of the community, it is our responsibility to advocate for the best interests of our residents. Proposed developments, especially large-scale projects like the East of Basingstoke and Sherfield Hill Farm developments, can have far-reaching implications for our parish. By engaging planning consultants, we ensure that our objections are well-informed and effectively presented, providing a strong voice for our community in the planning process.
2. **Legal and Technical Expertise:** Planning processes can be complex and technical, requiring expertise in areas such as land use regulations, environmental impact assessments, transportation planning, and urban design. Planning consultants possess the necessary knowledge and experience to navigate these complexities effectively, ensuring that our objections are grounded in sound planning principles and supported by relevant evidence. Their involvement enhances the credibility and strength of our objections, increasing the likelihood of achieving favourable outcomes for our community.

### *Grants Allocation:*

During the fiscal year, the Parish Council distributed grants to several deserving community organizations and initiatives:

1. **SPCA Youth Group:** Supporting the youth of our community is a priority for us, and the grant provided to the SPCA Youth Group enabled them to grow and run three sessions every Wednesday evening attracting on average 50+ children per week.
2. **Sherfest:** The grant allocated to Sherfest supported the SPCA in hosting a music and food festival that celebrates and strengthens community bonds.
3. **Local Dementia Support Group:** We recognize the importance of providing support to individuals and families affected by dementia. The grant provided to the local dementia support group enables them to provide a different experience for their attendees, by getting a mobile farm to visit.
4. **Over55's Coach Trip:** Investing in recreational activities for our senior residents is essential for promoting social inclusion and well-being. The grant allocated for the over55's coach trip provided an opportunity for our older community members to enjoy a day out and foster connections with their peers.
5. **Victim Support:** Providing assistance and resources to victims of crime is a fundamental aspect of community support. The grant provided to victim support aimed to ensure that victims receive the necessary support and guidance during challenging times.

### *Other Expenditures:*

In addition to grants, the Parish Council allocated funds for various community projects and initiatives, including:

- Cleaning and maintenance of bus shelters to ensure the comfort and safety of public transport users.
- Production of quarterly newsletters to keep residents informed about council activities and community news.
- Purchase of a flagpole and commemorative flags to enhance the visual appeal of our parish and commemorate significant events.
- Acquisition of additional poppies for lamp posts to honour the sacrifices of veterans and commemorate Remembrance Day.
- General running costs, including insurance, website maintenance, and maintenance and repair of security cameras for office security.

### *Conclusion:*

In conclusion, the fiscal year 2023/24 has been characterized by responsible financial management and strategic investments in projects and initiatives that benefit our community. The Parish Council remains committed to serving the needs of our residents and fostering a thriving and inclusive parish for all. We look forward to continued collaboration and progress in the upcoming fiscal year.

# Open Spaces Annual Report 2024

April 2023 – March 2024



Cllr Paul Parfrey  
&  
Cllr Peter Scott



SHERFIELD PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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# Our Identity

- Purchase of Feather Flag and Pull Up Banner
- Gazebo for events such as Sherfest
- Promotion of the Parish Council
- Invitation to come and talk to us.....



# Flying the Flag.....

- Installation flagpole at the Parish Office
- Recognise and commemorate key events
- 4 flags kindly donated by a parishioner
- Armed Forces Day, Merchant Navy Day, Trafalgar Day, Battle of Britain Day
- Sherfield Park Parish Council Flag
- Union Jack for official events





# Adoption Plan

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- Croudace have a running programme to complete all the areas in dark green for adoption to BDBC by the end of 2024
- No further adoption activities will take place
- BDBC will own and maintain



# The Larches

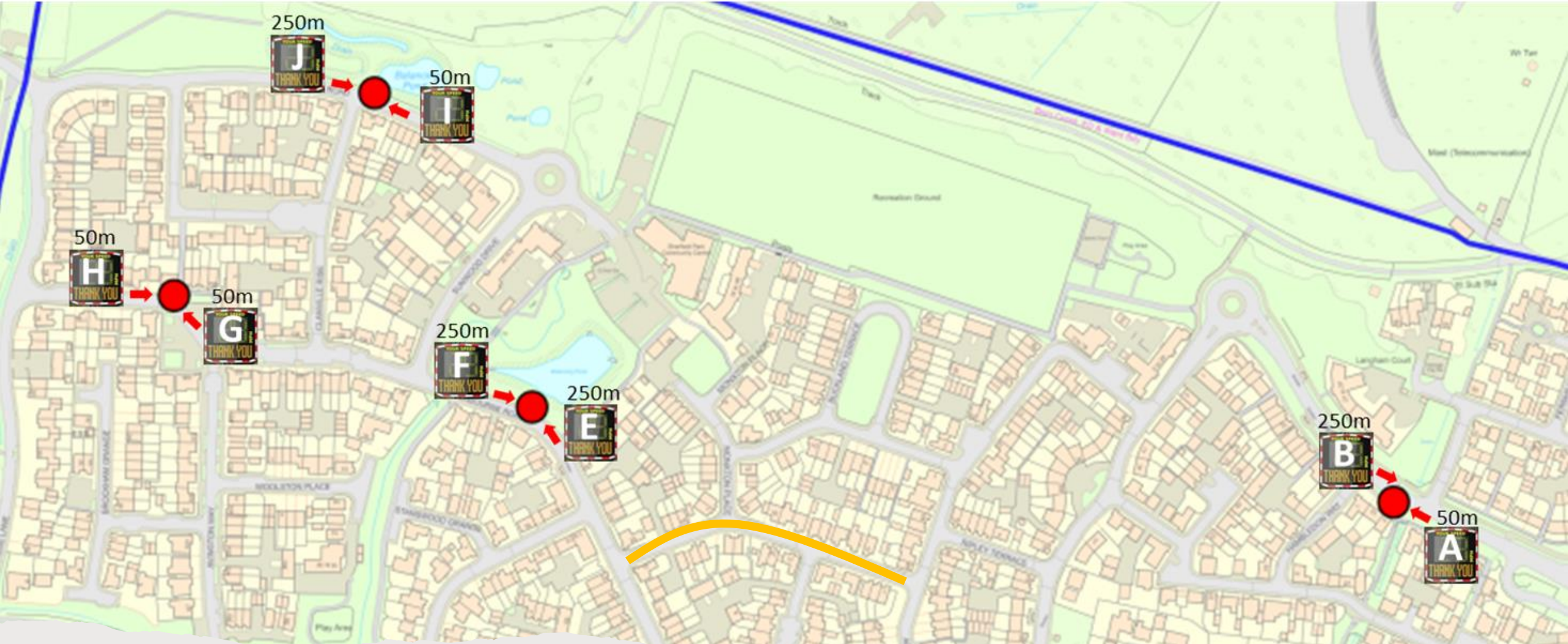
- Tree clearance as part of Adoption process
- Initial resident concerns and comments
- Trees had become unsafe as not maintained with some beyond age of future preservation
- Re-planting programme over 2 community engagement sessions
- Tree Stumps and some vegetation remains to provide habitat for wildlife





# SP Christmas Tree

- The Christmas Tree was illuminated again for the 2023 festivities
- Power linked to time switch of street light operation so no need to intervene with local timer



- Continue to gather and analyse vehicle volume and speed data
- Analysis to compare 2023 to 2024
- Purchase of 3<sup>rd</sup> unit and additional mounting brackets will provide more deployment options
- Rowner Crescent concerns (volume of cut through traffic)

## Speed Indicator Device (SID)

# 3 Month SID Data – Speeding Concerns?



	Jan-24 >31mph	Total Volume	%
Rockbourne In	162	22560	0.72%
Rockbourne Out	331	19248	1.72%
	Feb-24 >31mph	Total Volume	%
Gaiger In	248	21757	1.14%
Gaiger Out	423	18429	2.30%
	Mar-24 >31mph	Total Volume	%
Gaiger In	247	20901	1.18%
Gaiger Out	417	17680	2.36%
Average	1828	120575	1.52%



# Pettys Copse Path

- Croudace have returned the path through Pettys Copse to the standard it was originally installed too
- No original planning permission for the lighting
- Resolved, and lights will stay!

For Illustration Only  
This is not Pettys Copse

# Entrance Sign

- Design Confirmed
- Planning Application Approved by BDBC in 2021, expires 2026
- Awaiting adoption to BDBC as Croudace Land



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*Still Awaiting Adoption from Croudace to BDBC*

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# Community Orchard Project

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Area Identified near Community Centre Car Park, adjacent to roundabout Ampport/Sunwood

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Funding Secured

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Unable to proceed as land still owned by Croudace

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Awaiting Adoption of Land





# HIGHWAY CODE

Revised 2007 Edition



# DO YOU THINK THIS IS FINE?

This is not considerate parking

This is NOT a penalty charge notice and you are not being asked to pay on this occasion. You are being asked to park more considerately.

- You have been given this because you have:
- Parked within 10 metres of a junction in an unauthorised space
  - Parked on a pavement
  - Parked on a verge
  - Parked on a dropped crossing
  - Parked causing restricted access
  - Parked in an open green space, without landowner consent
  - Parked over two or more parking spaces
  - Parked at a bus stop

\_\_\_\_\_/ Issuing Officer

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## Parking!!

- Parking Initiative/Survey led by Cllr Peter Scott
- Leaflet Campaign led by BDBC and Hampshire Constabulary
- Continuous breaches of the Highway Code



Being Proud of Where We Live  
- Take Care  
- Maintain  
- Report

Thank You 😊

